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The Circulation of the Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich. It is delivered to over 3,000 of the 4,000 houses in Norwich, and read by ninety per cent of the people. In 1908, it is delivered to over 900 houses in Putnam and Danielson to over 1,100, and in all of these places it is considered the local daily. Eastern Connecticut has forty-nine towns, one hundred and sixty-five post office districts and forty-one rural free delivery routes. The Bulletin is sold in every town and on all of the R. F. D. routes in Eastern Connecticut.

CIRCULATION

1901, average	4,412
1905, average	5,920
1906, average	6,559
1907, average	7,179
1908, average	7,543
March 20	7,517

GOVERNOR LILLEY'S HEALTH.

It is semi-officially stated that Gov. George L. Lilley is suffering from nervous prostration, and considering the strenuousness of his political life for the past year and social activity since he took the gubernatorial chair, it is not surprising that his system gives notice that a little more, politically or socially, is a little too far.

Since it is easier for a man to impair his health than to repair it, it is apparent that the governor has a new and difficult task at hand—a task which he must meet and which he must meet with good sense, good care and diligence.

Governor Lilley has been accepting all social invitations and banquets more for the pleasure and gratification of his friends than for himself, and he has reached the point where he must be prudent and reserve his energy for the more important business of his office.

Since it is necessary for the governor's constituents to make less demand upon him as a statesman and more as a man, it is not surprising that he has in view, and to co-operate with him that he may recover his health and be able to meet the duties and responsibilities of his office.

THE RIGHT OF APPEAL. The right of appeal in the courts of this country has been so woefully abused and so often used to get a full sentence annulled or a heavy fine reduced, that the protection of the criminal often seems to be more complete than the protection of the public.

The two cases of reckless automobile driving referred to by The Courant, in which appeals were taken to escape imprisonment rather than to serve the ends of justice are a good illustration. Attention is being called to this defect in our judicial system in all parts of the country, and Massachusetts has before its legislature a bill which proposes to give the lower courts full jurisdiction in minor cases and denying the right of appeal. On this point, the Boston Transcript says: "The state is so jealous of the rights of the criminal that it will not allow its own judges to impose upon him a fine of a dollar for drunkenness, without giving him a right to appeal to a judge of the superior court for a revision of his sentence, even if he has pleaded guilty to the charge. The superior court, as a result, is loaded down with appeals. In 1908 its dockets showed 6,337 such cases, begun that year. As a rule the crimes were petty, and the penalties were small. More than seventy per cent of the offenses were against public order. It would seem to be time to revise our judicial system so as to show that the state has some confidence in the judges of its lower courts. They ought to be able to impose minor sentences without having their work reviewed and revised by any other set of judges."

This is what all states must come to in order to prevent the conditions which are so favorable to criminals and unjust to the people.

AN IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.

The funeral of George T. Angell, president of the Massachusetts Humane society, was one of the most remarkable and impressive funerals ever held in New England, if not in the world. Besides the immense concourse of people in attendance there were sixty horses, the dark-colored horses wearing light-colored and the light-colored horses dark mourning badges, and this man who had the best horse book ever written—"Black Beauty"—printed in half a dozen different languages and circulated wherever horses were burdened or abused millions of copies, had a horse he had befriended and loved that loved him, as first mourner following the hearse and with 59 others he accompanied the funeral to a certain point, where the horses were led in platoons of 20 to the sides of the road, and the funeral procession passed between them. It would have been a scene to make any lines of honor. This great Apostle of Kindness—this man whose religion was a protection to every creature dumb or oppressed in this wide world—was the greatest force for good of his day and generation, and no honor could be conferred upon him equal to the honor he had wrought for himself by his conflict for the rights and protection of man and beast.

To know what the tariff bill is, one should be where he can hear the taxed any things.

TRYING TO AVOID STRIKES.

No country has suffered more in consequence of trade-union strikes than Great Britain, and it is a sign of better times when the twenty-six great trades-unions are concluding an agreement that is described by the London Times as the most advanced step in the interests of industrial peace and economic industry in the history of labor.

The arrangement provides for the adjustment of disputes without stoppage of work. It is aimed both at strikes and lockouts. The employers who have entered into it are members of the British Shipbuilding Employers' Federation.

By the terms of the agreement, neither side is to ask for a change in the scale of wages at shorter periods than six months. Before a demand for a wage change may be made, there must be a conference on the subject between the employers and the unions. The life of the agreement is three years and it shall be continued thereafter subject to six months' notice by either side.

The minor details give to the men recognition of their right to organize and to bring complaints concerning working conditions to a peace tribunal. The principle of the trade agreement is placed on fair trial. Representatives of both sides are brought into frequent conferences, thereby assuring a steady growth of understanding and good feeling.

The dawn of an era of rational action on the part of both labor and capital and a desire of each to conserve the interests of the other would be a blessing to all industrial nations.

A GREAT BUSINESS.

The annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company shows how rapidly these methods of communication have grown. There are over 44,000,000 telephone subscribers and during the past year over a million miles of wire were strung, making the total nearly ten million miles.

Following are some of the figures presented by this report: The daily average of calls handled by the Bell companies was 18,961,000, or at the rate of about six billions a year. The plant additions were \$16,824,000 for exchange and \$1,124,000 for long distance, making a total of \$17,948,000. During the past nine years a grand total of \$278,472,800 has been expended in enlarging the Bell properties.

During the year \$29,746,700 was applied out of revenue to maintenance and reconstruction purposes. The total earnings showed an increase over the previous year of \$7,008,500. The total expenses an increase of \$2,101,100. The balance of net earnings was \$4,907,600, and, after deducting \$11,034,500 for interest and \$21,338,100 for dividends there was left \$13,601,400 in undivided profits. The combined balance sheet shows total assets of \$260,000,000, with a surplus of \$11,758,400, and depreciation and other reserves of \$40,480,300.

The earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph company also show a decided improvement over last year and every previous year. The net revenue was \$13,121,707.28, out of which dividends of 8 per cent were paid, amounting to \$12,459,158, leaving a surplus of \$5,662,551.26.

There is shown a considerable increase in the number of shareholders, there being at the end of the year 25,370 shareholders, with an average holding of 60 each. By means of the issue of the balance of the authorized \$150,000,000 convertible bonds, the financing of the company and its associated companies is completed for 1909 and 1910, including the payment of \$31,000,000 notes maturing during those years.

The report says: "There has not been sufficient distinction between the 'Independents' and the 'Opposition' in the minds of the public. We have no quarrel with either. With many of the Independents we are working in complete harmony, and for all practical purposes our system is a part of theirs and their system is a part of ours."

On the other hand, President Vail says that there is a decided tendency on the part of the public to favor consolidation.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The congressman who defends the schedules of a tariff bill against the industries of a country has no soft snap.

We are being told now by the weather prophets that the first days of April are to be much warmer than its last days.

Petrosino sold his life dear, after all. He had had twenty-six years of service and had brought 300 offenders to book.

March is behaving just as if the almanac has the right date for spring to open. We are having real spring days.

If the opposition papers are to be believed, there are more mistakes in the Payne tariff bill than Moses ever made.

Paris does a big mail order business with Mexico and delivers goods free on all orders in excess of ten dollars. That's enterprise.

The man who is fiercest against the Payne bill is not only mad with Payne, but also with Taft because he will not stop him.

Happy thought for today: Do not flatter yourself that you are a well-balanced person unless you weigh well your words.

Colonel Roosevelt would be glad to be out of reach of the wireless, but when it comes on this side it will catch him on the other.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

FEEDING THEM

"What's yours?" asked Nora of the help-purchase luncheon, holding out her hand for the supply salesman's plate.

The supply salesman surveyed critically the array of steaming meats and vegetables. "Well," he said, "you may have meat out of a plate of beans. They're brain food, you know. I have to feed my brain a lot—it's so big." He grinned at the girls behind the tables.

"That's right," said Maggie, heartily. "I've moved to the other end of the counter to get the beans. 'Feed your brain and make it work, so other folks'll know you got it.'"

"Aw, say, now, Maggie. I didn't think you'd go back on me that way," said the supply salesman reproachfully. "I've got to get away with my tray."

"Hello, Mr. Brown," Maggie greeted the cheerful youth who was next in line. "What's yours?" "Hooray!" she took the plate and piled the corned beef hash upon it with a generous hand. "Say, I've got your best girl, that used to come up here with you."

"She's ditched me," responded the youth with no visible abatement of his cheerfulness as he announced his misfortune. "I'm looking for another. Thought maybe you'd take me for a steady, Maggie."

"Steady your grandmother," said the matronly Maggie. "I ain't lookin' for a boy to raise."

"Not on your life, I don't," exclaimed Maggie, tossing her head. "I think he's all to the good if he gets a letter a week."

"Well, think it over, Maggie," called the shipping clerk, turning and making a bee line for the pie department.

As the crowd grew the conversation languished. Nora's Psyche knot and Maggie's pompadour were kept violently oscillating between the two ends of the table, while Hilda, at the tea and coffee urns, filled cups with the precision of a machine.

"My!" sighed Maggie, stepping back with her hands on her hips when the food before the table was momentarily cleared. "It takes a lot of work to feed folks."

"You bet it does," agreed Nora. "How come the old man afraid of his oats?" "Ain't he the limit?" said Maggie. "Say, watch him wipe off his tray! Both sides! Wouldn't that jar you! Now he's beginnin' on his plate. Say, mister, why don't you bring your dishes from home?"

The lank man with sandy whiskers and a fringe of sandy hair approached the serving table and scrutinized each of the viands in turn. Then he veered off in the direction of the display of health foods.

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